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POSSIBLE CHINESE COMMUNIST SUPPORT FACILITIES
KAMPOT AND TAKEO PROVINCES, CAMBODIA

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD PRESENTS COMPARATIVE PHOTOGRAPHY OF SUPPORT FACILITIES IN THE VICINITY OF THE PHNOM PENH/KAMPOT/SIHANOUKVILLE RAIL LINE IN CAMBODIA WITH THE MILITARY AREA AT LAI-YANG, CHINA.

2. BACKGROUND:

CONSTRUCTION ON THE PHNOM PENH/KAMPOT/SIHANOUKVILLE RAIL LINE WAS OFFICIALLY BEGUN IN AUGUST 1960, BUT BECAUSE OF FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES, THE ACTUAL WORK DID NOT BEGIN UNTIL JANUARY 1965. THE METER-GUAGE RAIL LINE IS COMPLETE AND OPERATIONAL FROM THE PHNOM PENH RAILROAD TERMINAL AT 1134N 10455E TO 1033N 10418E AND FROM 1036N 10415E TO 1036N 10414E, APPROXIMATELY 3.7 NM EAST OF KAMPOT. THE SEGMENT BETWEEN 1033N 10418E AND 1036N 10415E IS PROBABLY OPERATIONAL, BUT IT HAS NOT BEEN PHOTOGRAPHICALLY CONFIRMED. AN OPERATIONAL RAIL SPUR EXTENDS NORTH FROM PHNOM PENH TO A MAJOR TRANSSHIPMENT AREA ON THE TONLE SAP (RIVER) AT 1137N 10454E.

THE RAILROAD BED HAS BEEN COMPLETED IN THE VICINITY OF KAMPOT BETWEEN 1036N 10414E AND 1037N 10410E. RAILROAD BED CONSTRUCTION, PARTIALLY DETERIORATED, WAS INTERMITTENTLY OBSERVED WEST FROM KAMPOT TO 1035N 10359E. ADDITIONAL RAILROAD BED CONSTRUCTION EXTENDS FROM 1041N 10354E TO A PROBABLE RAILROAD BRIDGE UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT

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1042N 10352E.

CLEARING FOR PROBABLE RAILROAD BED CONSTRUCTION EXTENDS FROM 1043N 10348E TO 1043N 10334E, APPROXIMATELY 7 NM NORTH-NORTHEAST OF SIHANOUKVILLE.

RAILROAD STATIONS WITH A PROBABLY ASSOCIATED BUILDING ARE LOCATED AT, OR IN THE VICINITY OF, THE FOLLOWING SEVEN POINTS WHERE PASSING TRACKS, APPROXIMATELY 2,100 FEET LONG, ARE LOCATED: UTM COORDINATES VT762602, VT752454, VT743315, VT706066, VS627922, VS512780, AND VS262661.

A TWO-TRACK CLASSIFICATION YARD IS LOCATED AT UTM VT732155, APPROXIMATELY 2 NM WEST OF TAKEO. A TURNING AREA IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF THE YARD AND A POSSIBLE MILITARY STORAGE AREA IS ADJACENT TO IT.

A PROBABLE RAILROAD STATION AND A PASSING TRACK ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION APPROXIMATELY 1.2 NM NORTH-NORTHEAST OF KAMPOT AT UTM VS116746. A RAIL SPUR IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION FROM THIS POINT NORTH TO THE CHINESE COMMUNIST-BUILT CHAKREI TING CEMENT PLANT LOCATED AT UTM VS201808.

FIVE MAJOR BRIDGES HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED ALONG THE OPERATIONAL SEGMENTS OF THE LINE AS FOLLOWS: UTM VT767661, ONE DECK AND THREE HALF-THROUGH TRUSS SPANS: UTM VT738237, ONE HALF-THROUGH TRUSS AND FOUR DECK SPANS: UTM VT731141, ONE DECK SPAN WITH CAUSEWAY APPROACHES: UTM VS518789, FIVE DECK SPANS: AND UTM VS156738, NUMBER AND TYPE

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OF SPANS UNDETERMINED. PARALLEL RAILROAD BRIDGES AND PASSING TRACKS ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT TWO OF THESE LOCATIONS (UTM VT767661 AND VT731141). NUMEROUS SMALLER ONE- AND TWO-SPAN BRIDGES HAVE ALSO BEEN CONSTRUCTED ALONG THESE RAIL SEGMENTS.

A PROBABLE RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION CAMP/STORAGE FACILITY IS LOCATED UTM VT733145. THE INSTALLATION CONSISTS OF FIVE WAREHOUSE-TYPE BUILDINGS AND AN EXTENSIVE OPEN STORAGE AREA. FIFTEEN PIECES OF ROLLING STOCK WERE OBSERVED ON ITS TWO RAIL SPURS

A RAIL-SERVED STORAGE AREA IS LOCATED AT UTM VS616916. A RAIL SPUR EXTENDS FROM THE MAIN LINE TO FIVE WAREHOUSE-TYPE BUILDINGS AT THE BASE OF A KARST HILL. THREE DISPERSED OPEN STORAGE AREAS ARE LOCATED IMMEDIATELY NORTHEAST. TEN PIECES OF ROLLING STOCK WERE OBSERVED ON THE RAIL SPUR

A SHORT RAIL SPUR EXTENDS SOUTH FROM THE MAIN LINE AT UTM VS423690 TO A POSSIBLE STORAGE AREA AND/OR AGGREGATE SOURCE.

3. COLLATERAL:

COLLATERAL SOURCES REPORT THAT PORTIONS OF THE RAIL LINE WERE CONSTRUCTED JOINTLY BY FRENCH AND CHINESE COMMUNIST ENGINEERS AND THAT THE CHINESE PROVIDED RAILS AND TRACK EQUIPMENT. AT THE PRESENT TIME, THE RAILROAD IS PROBABLY NOT BEING UTILIZED TO ASSIST THE VIET CONG; HOWEVER, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT WHEN FOREIGN SHIPS EMBARK AT SIHANOUKVILLE WITH SUPPLIES OF MUNITIONS TO BE UNLOADED, THE SUPPLIES COULD BE

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TRANSPORTED TO KAMPOT BY TRUCK AND THEN BY RAIL TO PHNOM PENH. COMPLETION OF THIS RAIL LINE WILL REPRESENT A CONSIDERABLE ADVANCE BY THE CAMBODIANS IN THEIR ABILITY TO MOVE STRATEGIC MATERIALS TO MARKETS AND INDUSTRIAL CENTERS IN THE COUNTRY.

RECENT REPORTS HAVE INDICATED THAT THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE 168-MILE RAIL LINE LINK FROM PHNOM PENH WITH THE DEEP-WATER PORT AT SIHANOUKVILLE IS FALLING BEHIND SCHEDULE AND, IF THE PRESENT RATE OF PROGRESS CONTINUES, IS UNLIKELY TO BE COMPLETED UNTIL LATE 1968 OR EARLY 1969.

THE TOTAL LENGTH OF THE ONE-WAY RAIL LINE WILL BE 401 MILES WITH SIDINGS EVERY FIVE OR TEN KILOMETERS. TRAFFIC CONTROL WILL BE BY TELEPHONE AND RADIO. THE GEOMETRICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE RAILROAD ARE GOOD, WITH A FIVE PERCENT SLOPE AND FIVE HUNDRED METERS MINIMUM RADIUS.

THE LOCOMOTIVES HAVE BEEN ORDERED AT FIFTEEN TONS PER AXLE SO AS TO BE ABLE TO GO ANYWHERE ON THE ADJACENT RAIL NETWORKS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA. TEN NEW LOCOMOTIVES ARE BEING ACQUIRED AS WELL AS TRACTION ENGINES, PETROLEUM TANK CARS, A RAILROAD CRANE, AND OTHER EQUIPMENT.

4. MISSION READOUT:

5X1 [REDACTED] REVEALS A SMALL PROBABLE RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION/SUPPORT INSTALLATION AT PH DAMNAK CHANG AEU, 1032N 10419E (UTM VS261650), WHICH IS PROBABLY CHINESE COMMUNIST. IT CONTAINS FIVE

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ADMINISTRATION/SUPPORT BUILDINGS AND TWO SMALL SUPPORT BUILDINGS.

THIS PHOTOGRAPHY ALSO REVEALS ANOTHER SMALL PROBABLE RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION/SUPPORT FACILITY (POSSIBLY CHINESE COMMUNIST) IN THE KRONG KEP AREA AT 1029N 10419E (UTM VS267604) CONTAINING THREE ADMINISTRATION/SUPPORT BUILDINGS AND SIX SMALL SUPPORT BUILDINGS.

[REDACTED] REVEALS A POSSIBLE CHINESE COMMUNIST SUPPORT FACILITY APPROXIMATELY 2.5 NM NORTH OF THE CAMBODIA/SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER AT 1032N 10451E (UTM VS839671). THE FACILITY CONSISTS OF ONE PROBABLE ADMINISTRATION-TYPE BUILDING AND TWO PROBABLE SUPPORT BUILDINGS.

[REDACTED] REVEALS A POSSIBLE SUPPORT/ADVISORY INSTALLATION IN THE PH BANTEAY AREA AT 1039N 10347E (UTM US682788), APPROXIMATELY 4 NM SOUTH OF THE SIHANOUKVILLE/KAMPOT RAIL SEGMENT WHICH IS PRESENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

[REDACTED] REVEALS THE LAI-YANG HEADQUARTERS, 76TH INFANTRY DIVISION AT 3658N 12041E [REDACTED] AND LAI-YANG HEADQUARTERS, 77TH INFANTRY DIVISION AT 3658N 12041E [REDACTED] WHICH IS AN ESTABLISHED MILITARY AREA IN COMMUNIST CHINA. COMPARISON OF THIS FACILITY WITH THE INSTALLATIONS IN CAMBODIA REVEALS SIMILARITIES IN THE LANDSCAPING SUCH AS STAR INSIGNIAS AND POSSIBLE CHINESE IDEOGRAMS-INDICATING THAT THEY ARE POSSIBLY CONSTRUCTED AND/OR UTILIZED BY THE CHINESE COMMUNIST AS CONSTRUCTION/SUPPORT OR ADVISORY INSTALLATIONS.

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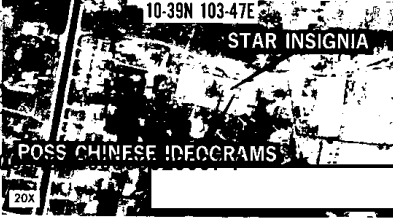
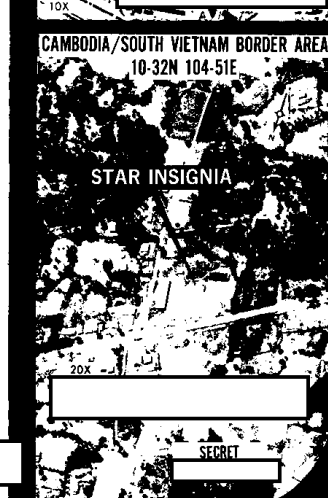
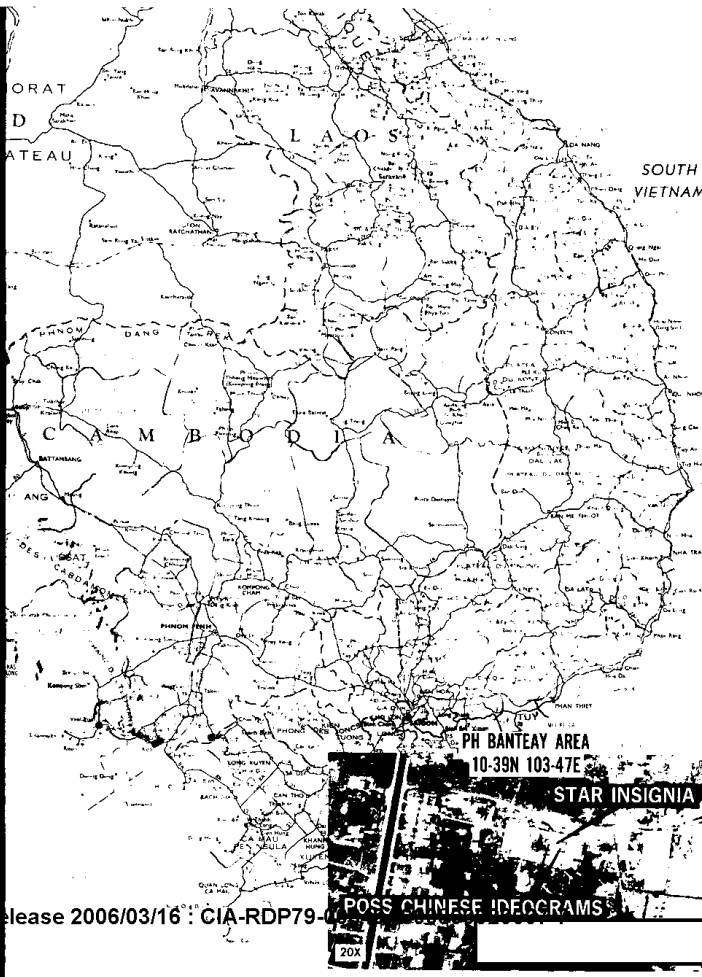
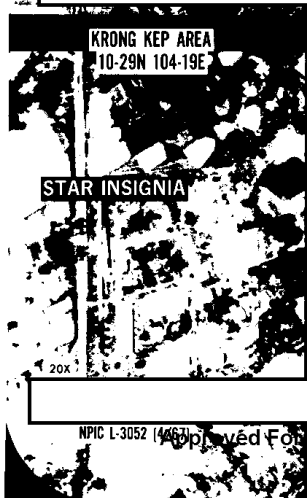
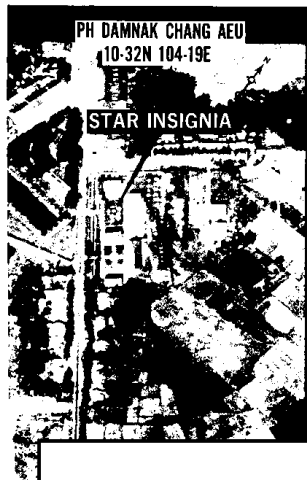
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